

abortion right, it is seen as harassing or intimidating, or all sorts of parades of horrors. What Senator Rasmussen suggests is good but I would suggest it is not good for this bill. This amendment, introduced on its own, would have had my support. As an amendment to this bill, though, it effectively guts the bill and takes away one of the stated intentions of the bill, and that is that the parents have a right to be involved with the activities of their children. In every other facet of kids' lives, we involve the parents, but when we get to this subject, for some reason, we don't allow them to even know, not a...much less consent. This is not a consent bill. This is a notification bill, and we simply do not allow a parent to know about probably the most emotional gut-wrenching decision that that minor has to make, and I suggest that, yes, the counseling is good, and, yes, if this is introduced as a bill on its own, I will support it. But in this situation, I think one of the stated intents is to get the parents involved. Now, Senator, I don't know if it was Senator Hillman or Senator Rasmussen mentioned in the opening that this isn't...that there is a lot of parents that it is not going to help with, that there are parents that aren't going to get involved, and, no, this is not going to solve all of the problems that are raised in this area, but I think it is a start. It is a situation where some kids, because they do have to go to their parents, will go to those parents, and those parents will accept them with loving arms. No, we are not going to legislate good families and it is not going to occur. With this bill or without this bill, we are not going to be able to legislate good families, but it will allow a situation that is conducive to allowing that familial relationship to continue. We heard that argument on the gun control bill, that we shouldn't have gun control because it is not going to solve every crime problem that we have. This bill is the same. It is not going to solve every relationship problem that we have, but it is going to help with some. It is going to get some parents involved with their kids, and it will result in some parent-child relationships being reestablished or rebuilt, or at least allowing that situation or that activity to occur.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Next speaker, Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would rise in opposition to the amendment to LB 425. I agree that reasonable people can have reasonable differences, and on this issue,